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SUBJ/POSSIBLE BURIAL OF ONE OF THE CASE 1182 //

GENTEXT/REMARKS/SUBJ/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT 13-3VM-02

CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE BURIAL OF ONE OF THE CASE 1182 PILOTS

OBTAINED DURING JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY 13-3VM (111TH JFA).

AKNLDG/COMMENTS IN THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

REF/A/RMG/CILHI/SEARCH AND RECOVERY REPORT CIL 2012-80/18 JUL 2012.

REF/B/RMG/JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH/220534Z DEC 88.

REF/C/DOC/1:50,000 SCALE MAP.

NARR/REFERENCES.

A. REF A IS INTERIM SEARCH AND RECOVERY REPORT CIL 2012-80, AN F-4D AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE (VM-00703) ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1182 IN THE VICINITY OF THANH TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, 22 MAY THROUGH 16 JUNE 2012.

B. REF B IS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT OCCURRING AT THANH TRACH VILLAGE.

C. REF C IS MAP DATA: NAME: QUANG KHE; SHEET: 6244 II; SERIES: L7014; EDITION: 3-DMA.

RMKS/1. SUMMARY.

A. CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: CASE 1182 INVOLVES THE 19 MAY 1968 LOSS OF TWO U.S. AIR FORCE AIRMEN WHO WERE ABOARD THE LEAD F-4D AIRCRAFT (TAIL NUMBER: 66-8695) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT THAT DID NOT RETURN FROM AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION, RESULTING IN TWO UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS. ONE OF THE TWO UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUALS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, LEAVING ONE UNACCOUNTED-FOR

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B. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 17 JUNE 2013, DURING JFA 13-3VM (111TH JFA), RECOVERY TEAM ONE (RT1) OBTAINED INFORMATION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE BURIAL OF ONE OF THE CASE 1182 PILOTS IN THE VICINITY OF THANH TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE UNNAMED ELDERLY FEMALE (REFUSED TO PROVIDE HER NAME) REPORTEDLY HEARD FROM LOCAL FORESTRY WORKERS (NFI) THAT ONE OF THE PILOTS WAS BURIED APPROXIMATELY SIX METERS NORTH OF THE IMPACT CRATER, NEAR A VERY LARGE TREE WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN CUT DOWN. SHE REFUSED TO POINT OUT THIS LOCATION DURING THE JFA.

C. REMAINS/PERSONAL EFFECTS. NONE.

2. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION.

A. ON 23 MAY 2013, RT1 ARRIVED IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO CONTINUE EXCAVATING THE CASE 1182 CRASH SITE NEAR THANH TRACH VILLAGE.

B. RT1 TEAM COMPOSITION:

(1) U.S. CONTINGENT:

(b)(3):- (b)(6) (A) [REDACTED] JPAC, RECOVERY LEADER/ANTHROPOLOGIST (RL).

(b)(3):- (b)(6) (B) [REDACTED] USN, LINGUIST.

(2) HOST NATION TEAM MEMBERS: NONE.

C. ON 17 JUNE 2013, DURING THE FINAL DAY OF RECOVERY OPERATIONS FOR THIS JFA, TWO LOCAL WORKERS APPROACHED THE RL WITH INFORMATION LIKELY PERTAINING TO THE CASE 1182 LOSS INCIDENT. AFTER INITIAL CONTACT, THE RL CALLED THE RT1 LINGUIST TO THE SITE AND OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) WITNESS ONE:

(A) NAME: MS. LUU THI HOA (LUWU THIJ HOA).

(B) AGE: APPROXIMATELY 52 (BORN: 1961).

(C) CURRENT RESIDENCE: THANH TRACH (THANH TRACHJ) VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

(D) STATEMENT: MS. HOA INDICATED THROUGH GESTURES AND TRANSLATION BY THE RT1 LINGUIST THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS TRAVELING IN A SOUTH-SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION WHEN IT IMPACTED AND THAT THE DEBRIS WAS SCATTERED SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF THE IMPACT CRATER. (NOTE: THIS INFORMATION IS CONSISTENT WITH STATEMENTS MADE BY OTHER WITNESSES [REF B].) MS. HOA PROVIDED NO OTHER PROBATIVE INFORMATION.

(2) WITNESS TWO:

(A) NAME: REFUSED TO PROVIDE; ELDERLY FEMALE.

(B) AGE: REFUSED TO PROVIDE.

(C) CURRENT RESIDENCE: REFUSED TO PROVIDE.

(D) STATEMENT: THE ELDERLY FEMALE PURPORTEDLY HEARD FROM THREE LOCAL FORESTRY WORKERS (NFI) THAT, AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME IN THE PAST, ONE OF THE PILOTS WAS BURIED APPROXIMATELY SIX METERS NORTH OF THE IMPACT CRATER, NEAR A VERY LARGE TREE WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN CUT DOWN. PURPORTEDLY THE BURIAL OF THIS PILOT OCCURRED NEAR

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THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT AND WAS POSSIBLY COMPLETED BY MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL POLICE OR MILITARY. UPON FURTHER INQUIRY BY THE RL, THE ELDERLY FEMALE WOULD NOT RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR HER NAME, NOR WAS SHE WILLING TO SHOW OR POINT OUT THE PURPORTED LOCATION OF THE BURIAL. ATTEMPTS BY THE RL TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL AND NEITHER INDIVIDUAL WISHED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

3. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE.
4. SITE SURVEY RESULTS: NONE.
5. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE.
6. ANTHROPOLOGIST COMMENTS: NONE.

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